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Dear Families:

Between April 15 and April 19, our second-grade students will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). This assessment provides information about your child's cognitive ability and achievement levels, as well as to identify students who may qualify as gifted.

The *Cognitive Abilities Test* helps determine how students are performing on nationwide standards. The CogAT is a group-administered, standardized test that appraises each student's verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal cognitive development. The development of these abilities, which starts at birth and continues through early adulthood, is influenced by experiences both in and out of school.

The test includes sample questions to help students become familiar with the content and format of the questions. Samples help students understand what to do, how to mark answers, and how to move from question to question. For most tests, students read the questions and mark their answers by filling in a circle for each question. All test questions are multiple choice, and each test lasts about 10 to 25 minutes.

In an effort to provide your student with a positive testing experience please do not schedule any appointments on these dates. It is important that your student arrives on time, has a good night's sleep, and eats a healthy breakfast. Encourage your child to take their time and do their best work, but do not put excessive pressure on them. Instead, emphasize your confidence in their ability to do their best work!

You will be provided a copy of your child's individual score report once we receive them. These scores will indicate how your child performed on the tests compared with students across the nation in the same grade.

Together we will encourage and support your child during testing. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher or myself at drurym@buschools.com

Sincerely,
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